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A. [REDACTED]

1. A "false flag" staffer was instructed to contact General Viaux. This officer will offer Viaux moral, financial, and material (arms) support in behalf of an unidentified US group.

2. [REDACTED]

3. COS advised [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the USG favors a military solution and is willing to support it in any manner short of outright military intervention.

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. General Viaux told his followers on 7 October that the Armed Forces and the Carabineros will support a coup. He specifically mentioned the infantry school, the motorized units, the artillery regiments, the military school, and all of the Air Force as examples of his military backing.

7. Ambassador Korry called in [REDACTED] and DCOS to strongly oppose any US involvement in coup attempt.

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

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B. Accomplishments

Our military effort to contact and influence key military targets is off the ground and beginning to show signs of progress. So far, the COS and [REDACTED] have advised [REDACTED] that the USG favors a military solution to blocking Allende and is willing to support a coup in any manner short of outright military intervention. At the same time, we have received requests for arms support from [REDACTED] group and [REDACTED]

C. Situation:

Despite our efforts to put pressure on the Chilean economy (which continues to deteriorate) and our intensive worldwide propaganda campaign, a coup climate does not as yet exist in Chile. Recent reporting, however, indicates that the military is divided and that the majority of senior military would welcome military intervention, including Generals Pratts and Schneider. But they are unable to find a suitable pretext to intervene.

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